Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Henry Smith S38384

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Commonwealth of Kentucky, Woodford County Sct

On this Third day of February 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Woodford county now sitting Henry Smith a resident of the State of Kentucky and county of Woodford aged Eighty last August who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated That in the fall of the year 1780 being a resident of Hanover County in the State of Virginia he was drafted in the company of Militia commanded by Capt. John Thompson for a tour of two months. William Thompson was the Lieut and William Barnett Ensign we rendezvouzed at Hanover Courthouse and was marched from thence to Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg] where remained the whole tour under the command of Col. William Dandridge and was honorably discharged. A short time after his return home he was drafted to serve another tour of two months in the company commanded by Capt Francis Underwood Dudley Richardson was the Lieut. Major Declumen was in command we were marched to Williamsburgh from thence to York where we were stationed untill the end of the tour and discharged honorably soon after his return home the militia was called on in mass and he was drafted for a tour of two months in the company commanded by Capt. Edward Bullock Francis Bullock was Lieut. and Edward Nelson Ensign he was again under the command of Major Declumen [Charles Deklaman, pension application R13678] we were marched to Sandy point, where we remained some time we were then marched to Cabin point [on James River in Surry County] where we remained the rest of the tour and were honorably discharged soon after his return home he was again drafted for a tour of two months in the company commanded by Capt James Doswell from which he was transferred to the company commanded by Capt. Francis Underwood Richardson was Lieut and he believes Perrier was Ensign he was in the Regt commanded by Col. Allcock of Culpepper [sic: Culpepper] and Major Welch was also in command, we were marched four miles below Richmond and joined the troops under the command of the Marquis LaFayette we were then marched into Culpepper to join Genl Wayne [Anthony Wayne at Brock's Bridge on North Anna River, 10 Jun 1781] and marched to James Town and had an engagement with the British [Battle of Green Springs Plantation, 6 Jul 1781] from thence we were marched to the Mawbin hills [sic: Malvern Hill 15 mi SE of Richmond, 16 Jul] where he was discharged and went home. three or four days after his return he was again ordered out for a tour of two months under the command of Capt. Thomas Doswell James Bullock was Lieut and he believes Edward Nelson was ensign we were marched out to repair the roads in Hanover for the use of the Army in which service we remained untill a few days previous to the surrender of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] when we were discharged by Col Innis [sic: James Innes] all his services was in the militia as a private he was in the brigade commanded by Genl Muhlenburgh [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] he was drafted on five tours of two months each he was honorably discharged in each case he has no documentary evidence of his services he will forward all the evidence he is able to procure. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State or Territory Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid [signed] Henry Smith

NOTE: The file includes a letter dated May 1860 by Dudley Smith of Owen County KY inquiring about Henry Smith, his grandfather.